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AMY bright rose flowers of good substance; late; \$6.00 to \$12.00

ARMISTICE DAY \* blood red; later and brighter than EARL OF ATHLONE. A few plants ranging in price from \$3.00 to \$15.00

AZALEODENDRON soft apricot, lovely in contrast with PURPLE SPLENDOUR; \$12.00

AZOR \*\*\* very late; soft salmon; does best in shade; few at \$12.00

BEAUTY OF LITTLEWORTH \*\*\* white spotted faintly with purple; early; large plants; an excellent value at \$12.50; larger ones up to \$25.00

BETTY WORMALD \*\*\* late flowering; pink with conspicuous but small purple blotch; 2 to 4 feet high; \$12.00

BLUE DIAMOND \*\*\* clear lavendar blue; small leaved; small flowered; good in foreground; mid-season; 18 to 24 inches in height - \$6.50 to \$10.00

BOWBELLS \*\* short open bells of soft pink; rounded glossy leaves; early; low growing and compact; various sizes from \$7.00 to \$12.00

BUTTERFLY \*\*\* particularly heavy flowering; pale lemon with chocolate blotch; mid-season; large well developed plants 4 feet in height - \$12.00

CORNUBIA \*\*\* blood red flowers; limited number of well branched plants to 3 feet in height - \$15.00

CORONA \*\*\* short rather open bells of coral pink; mid-season; excellent plants 3 to 4 feet in height; \$10.00 to \$12.00

DAWN'S DELIGHT \*\*\* stiffly erect buds of brick red opening to soft pink, fading to white at center; edge of flower slightly frilled; large trusses, mid-season; beautiful plants at \$8.50 to \$20.00

EARL OF ATHLONE \*\*\* blood red; tight.heavy trusses; bush upright in habit; very early; extremely popular - \$15.00

FABIA \*\*\* Funnelform flowers of \*range-salmon; best results in shade; mid-season; - a few at \$12.00

GILL'S CRIMSON \*\*\* crimson; very early; wants shelter and warmth; lovely foliage, beautiful plants to 4 feet in height - \$8.00 to \$13.50

GINA dark red; 2 plants only; \$7.95 and \$10.95

LADY BESSBOROUGH \*\*\*\* delicate flowers of pink blending to yellow; better in shade; short leaves of light green; compact plants to 2-feet - \$10.50

- LADY STUART OF WORTLEY \* strong growing plants flowering mid-season to late; pink with slight marking; plants in various sizes from \$5.00 to \$15.00
- LODERI \*\*\*\* pink buds opening pale pink fading to white; large flowers in heavy loose trusses; grey green foliage; early; \$11.50 to \$15.00
- LODER'S WHITE \*\*\*\* similar in habit to preceding variety; buds mauve opening paler and fading white; early; large plants to 4½ feet \$13.50
- MME.FR.J. CHAUVIN \*\*\* mid-season; gracefully branched; flower tube slender at base, rosy pink with elongated blotch \$7.00 to \$15.00
- MARS \*\*\* late flowering; very deep red; similar in habit to EARL OF ATHLONE trusses very large and compact; priced from \$4.95 to \$10.50
- MAY DAY \*\*\*\* spreading habit; brown wool under side of sharply pointed leaves, early; shade loving, funnel-form flowers of scarlet \$7.50 to \$20.00
- MOTHER OF PEARL \*\* large pink buds opening blush pink and fading to pearl white; heavy trusses; late; plants to 4-ft. in height \$7.00 to \$13.50
- MRS. E.C. STIRLING \*\* blush pink flowers in compact trusses; mid-season; plants 4 to 5 feet in height and beautifully developed \$20.00
- MRS. W.C. SLOCOCK \*\*\* low, compact; similar in habit to UNIQUE but later; apricot pink buds, opening same but fading to creamy yellow \$10.00-\$12.50
- PENJERRICK \*\*\* mid-season; flowers variable white, creamy yellow, or pink; a few plants ranging from \$6.00 to \$20.00
- PINK PEARL \*\* large trusses of rose pink flowers; mid-season; bush loose in habit; price range from \$6.95 to \$13.50
- PURPLE SPLENDOUR \*\*\* rich deep purple with black splotch; mid-season; well branched plants to 4 feet in height; \$13.50. Some smaller plants.
- QUEEN OF THE MAY \*\*\* white; likes sheltered spot; three plants; \$12.00 each
- ROYAL FLUSH upright growing variety with medium size narrow leaves; place in protected area; orange flowers; mid-season; 3 to 4 ft. \$6.00 to \$10.00
- TALLY-HO \*\*\*\* bright scarlet or "hunting coat pink"; a great favorite a very few plants ranging from \$10.00 to \$20.00
- UNIQUE \*\*\*\* low and compact; exceptionally beautiful foliage; buds flesh colored opening buff; best in shade; 2-ft. in height \$7.00 to \$11.00
- UNKNOWN WARRIOR \* one of the earliest and best liked reds; open habit of growth; large plants \$15.00
- NOTE: \* indicates star rating by Royal Horticultural Society of England.
- ALL PLANTS ON THEIR OWN ROOTS BEAUTIFULLY GROWN UP TO 12 YEARS OLD -

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VE. 1189

SEPTEMBER 1954.

Hours: Weekdays 8 to 4:30

Sundays: 10 to 4:30

(During Sept.-Oct.)

Now is the time to plant HEATHER! Fall flowering varieties are still in bloom. Winter flowering varieties are in bud. They have all put on new growth which is hardening off now.

HEATHER is one of the most satisfactory groups of plants for the Puget Sound Area. Plant HEATHERS in low hedges, in the shrub border, on sloping banks in place of lawn, in the rock garden, at the edge of walks or driveways, and in outdoor planters.

Our BEST VALUES are offered now. A large number of varieties with a size range of 4 to 8 inches are available at the low price of 69 cents each. These are well grown bushy plants. Also at this price we offer some larger plants where the clearing of a few of them out of growing beds will enable us to make room for extensive new plantings. This is a wonderful opportunity to pick up some bargains, if you ACT NOW!

GROUP I - 69 Cents each:

Bruckenthalia spiculifolia has rosy pink flowers in dense masses.

Calluna vulgaris is the real Scotch Heather. The following varieties are available:

County Wicklow - low growing; double pink; bright green foliage.

Cuprea - golden foliage changing to bright red in winter.

David Eason - reddish flowers in very late fall; 12 inches high.

Foxi nana - purple flowered compact balls of bright green.

Mair's White - clear white flowers, rapid growing plant; 3-feet.

Minima Smith's variety - a mossy low variety with bronze tips to the foliage; lavendar flowers.

Mrs. H. E. Beale - double pink flowers in long spikes; fall. Mrs. Pat - pink tips to the new growth.

Nana - dark green foliage in low mats; excellent for edging.

\*Daboecia polifolia (cantabrica) is often called Irish Bell Heather. The large flowers are carried in long spikes. Purple or white flowered.

Erica arborea alpina - delicate foliage on upright growing branches to 5 feet. white flowers in spring; dwarf form of the Tree Heath.

Erica australis Mr. Robert - another white flowered upright growing shrub;

March and April is the season for the large flowers.

Erica carnea - Winter Heath - bright rose flowers in January and February; 6 inches.

King George - earlier than E.carnea; lavendar-rose flowers; 8 inches.

Ruby Glow - rich ruby flowers in March and April; - 8 inches.

vivelli - not so bright as preceding; same bronze foliage.

Springwood Pink - pink buds opening to rose in February.

\* " Springwood White - an even greater favorite; light green foliage in lax habit of growth; good ground cover.

HEATHER

Erica ciliaris Wych - large bells of softest pink; wiry twisted stems.

Erica cinerea - Fine leaved Heath - stiff slender branches forming a well showed bush; purple flowers in Aug. & Sept.; will tolerate lots of sun.

Erica cinerea atrosanguinea - low bushes of blackish green; rich red flowers.

Erica hybrida Watsoni - russet tones overlaying green foliage; 8 to 10 inches inches in height; rich rose flowers; July into fall.

Erica tetralix mollis - a stiff little shrub with gray foliage which is excellent for contrast: white flowers sometimes tinged pink; summer.

Erica vagans - Cornish Heath - strong growing horizontally spreading shrub; lilac flowers in long spikes; August and September.

Lyonesse - the best white hybrid in this group.

Mrs. D. F. Maxwell - rich green foliage contrasts beautifully with the cerise flowers; one of the most popular of all heathers.

GROUP II - 50 Cents each - well grown but young plants in  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " bands or pots.

\*Calluna vulgaris alporti

\* 11 Else Frye

Foxi nana McKayi

Hamilton

Daboecia polifolia

Erica carnea Springwood Pink

" County Wicklow \* " cinerea Domino

Golden Hue

Dawn

hybrida Watsoni

stricta

vagans

" Mrs. D. F. Maxwell

GROUP III - 35 Cents each - should be grown on in nursery beds.

Calluna vulgaris Mrs. H. E. Beale Erica cinerea alba

variegata \* " Mackiana - 11

Daboecia polifolia alba

" McKayi flore pleno

Erica tetralix mollis

GROUP IV - 25 Cents each - should be grown on in nursery beds.

Calluna vulgaris County Wicklow Erica ciliaris maweana

Mrs. H.E. Beale "cinerea G. Ford

Mrs. Ronald Gray " Golden Hue

11 Mrs. J.H. Hamilton " #101

Daboecia polifolia

Daboecia polifolia alba

Prices quoted apply at the nursery. Shipping charges are the responsibility of the customer. Three percent sales tax applies to sales made in Washington.

NOTE: Larger than 69 Cent size plants are available where HEATHERS are marked \*.

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Terms: - Cash with order unless credit has been established. No mail orders under \$2.00. All prices f.o.b. Nursery. Washington residents please include 3% state sales tax.

This year it has seemed impractical to publish a catalog as we have done in the past. A thousand kinds of plants are not easy to condense into a few short pages of description.

Constant shifting of prices due to changes in stock has made it impossible to stabilize a list. If you will keep this in mind when ordering, it will be appreciated. When possible, please state acceptable substitutes. May we urge all of our good friends and customers to write for quotations on plants or rooted cuttings of those items which are not listed - but which we likely grow. We will do our best to answer promptly. However, it is impossible to give lengthy advice and planting instructions individually.

### WATER PLANTS -

\$ 1.25 .25 .25

(Each)

Lilies - red, white, yellow, or pink -Hyacinth - floating plant for summer only -Fish greens - whichever types are in season per bunch Iris - either yellow or blue-flowered -.50 .25 Forget-me-not, especially suited to moist soil or water -.25 Sagittaria sinensis - extends above water with broad leaf -Sagittaria natans - short, grassy foliage -.25 6 for -

# DICHONDRA REPENS - Common name "Ponyfoot" which each leaf resembles.

A ground cover of great popularity for lawn substitute. The creeping stems root to form a dense mat. It thrives in sunshine and yet adapts itself to shade. May be sown in an old lawn or in newly prepared ground. In the latter case, attention to watering, fertilizing and weeding is essential for the first three months. Only a minimum of attention is required thereafter. Hardiness in the northern states is uncertain. A packet of 12,000 seeds sells for \$1.25 postpaid, and will suffice for 300 square feet. Germination time is about six days. Plants are usually available at 50-cents each or \$5.00 per dozen - but we do not recommend shipping them any distance.

GROUND COVERS - one of our specialties - individual plants are 25-Cents each; \$2.50 per dozen. Local trade can pick up a flat (12" x 24") at the dozen price.

- \*Ajuga genevensis and Ajuga reptans rubra fast growing Bugleflower; strongly matted roots help prevent erosion.
- \*Cotula squalida bronzed ferny leaves; shade loving.
- Dianthus graniticus, D. coccineus, D. deltoides (Maiden Pink) rock garden subjects often planted in large masses for best effect.
- Lotus corniculatus a legume for dry banks with poor soil.
- Mentha requieni a creeping mint with a tantalizing fragrance.
- Nierembergia rivularis earns the common name of Queencups by reason of the large white flowers which cover the gray mats in summer.
- \*Sagina subulata looks like moss but has tiny white star flowers; suitable for crevices or the spaces between stepping stones.
- \*Sedum acre, S. album, S. murale, S. reflexum all these varieties of Sedum are excellent for covering large areas.
- \*Thymus serpyllum several types are grown but the supply varies with the season. Lavendar, red, or white flowered as well as woolly leaved varieties are usually in stock.
- \*Vinca minor "Periwinkle" or "Creeping Myrtle" white, blue, (with green or variegated leaves), wine purple and double flowered blue varieties.

# GROUND COVERS of slower habit - priced as indicated.

- \*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi "Bearberry" excellent broadleaved cover; second year plants are still quite small but suitable for setting out on one foot or 18-inch spacing 50-cents each.
- Epimedium macranthum roseum, E. lilacina, E. niveum, E. pinnatum sulphureum dainty flowers in early spring followed by interesting leaves which color in the fall 75-cents each.
- \*Euonymous radicans minima tiny thick leaves along trailing stems 75-Cents Polygonum vaccinaefolium spikes of pink flowers in autumn 50-cents.
- \*Vaccineum vitis-idae beautiful shiny foliage, edible berries 50 cents & \$1.00.

#### NOTE: \*Indicates persistent winterfoliage.

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HEATHER SPECIE IRIS PRIMULA HERBS SEMPERVIVUM

SEDUM DWARF RHODODENDRON CAMPANULA HARDY CYCLAMEN

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The following seeds have been gathered fresh from our own plants and are offered in response to requests by the many people who want the pleasure of growing their own unusual plants. These are <u>PERENNIALS</u> unless otherwise described. Some are in limited supply - so order early!

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ACAENA GLAUCA - gray leaved ground cover; creeping stems root as they grow.

"MICROPHYLLA - yellow green foliage; barbed seeds which cling to clothing.
ALYSSUM SAXATILE - Basket-of-gold - a must for sunny rock walls.

ANEMONE PULSATILLA - Pasque Flower - one of the earliest spring flowers; showy.

ANOMATHECA (Lapeyrousia) CRUENTA - False Freesia - bulb; bright carmine flowers.

AQUILEGIA FLABELLATA NANA - dwarf plant producing short fat blue flowers; early.

BRUCKENTHALIA SPICULIFOLIA - low, heath-like shrub; dainty rosy-pink flowers.

CAMPANULA CULLENMORE - wide bells of light blue; prolific flowering.

POSCHARSKYANA - pale blue flowers tinted lavendar; good in shade.

PUSILLA - shining green leaves topped by nodding blue bells; 4-inches. CISTUS ALBIDUS - tips and under parts of foliage particularly gray; rosy pink flowers; upright shrub.

CISTUS HIRSUTUS - stiff bronzed leaves on 1 to 3 ft. shrub; small white flowers. CLEMATIS MONTANA - vine with pinkish flowers of 3 inch diameter in great profusion. CORYDALIS LUTEA - Squirrel Corn. Golden blossoms; fine lacy greenery; Sun or shade. CYCLAMEN NEAPOLITANUM - fall blooming; mottled leaves make handsome winter cover. DIANTHUS BANATICUS - Beard Pink - for the rock garden.

" GRANITICUS - Granite Pink - starry pink flowers on 6 inch stems.

" NOEANUS - stiff, spiny cushion; fragrant white flowers, 6 to 8" stems.

DRYAS SUENDERMANNI - flatly spreading shrub; small oak-like evergreen leaves;

white flowers followed by feathery seeds similar to Anemone Pulsatilla.

EDELWEISS - LEONTOPODIUM ALPINUM - a study in gray; native of the Alps.

EDRAIANTHUS TENUIFOLIUS - relative to the Bellflowers; lax flowering stems with terminal clusters of white to purple flowers; grassy foliage.

ERICA CINEREA - fine-leaved Heath; graceful sprays of bright purple flowers.

" TETRALIX - Cross-leaved Heather - grayish foliage; rosy bells.
EUPHORBIA LATIFOLIA - Mole Plant - said to drive out these pests.

GAILLARDIA GOBLIN - low; has gaudy flowers of yellow and red.

GERANIUM - blue flowers veined with red; 1 to 2 feet high; from Attu.

GERANIUM SANGUINEUM - rock garden subject; magenta flowers in profusion.

IRIS DOUGLASIANA SEEDLING - white flowers delicately washed with blue; 18 inches.

" GRAMINEA - flowers lilac veined with purple; 12 inch grassy foliage.

" SETOSA - 15 to 18 inches; rich dark blue flowers.

"TECTORUM - Roof Iris - flat topped flowers on 12 to 15 inch stems; lilac.

LEDUM COLUMBIANUM - evergreen shrub for boggy sites; white flowers; terminal clusters

LINUM MONOGYNUM - white flowers on wiry 18 inch stems.

LUETKEA PECTINATA - ground cover forming dense carpets of bright green; 2 to 6" flower stems crowded with heads of white flowers; shade or sun.

MANDEVILLA SUAVEOLENS - Chilean Jasmine - vine for protected spot or greenhouse; flowers white and fragrant.

MECONOPSIS BETONICIFOLIA - Blue Poppy of Tibet - 3 to 4" sky blue flowers; each centered with many golden anthers; the 4 or more petals delicately crinkled; leaves mostly basal & covered with bristly hairs; 2 to 5 Ft. stems; likes rich soft loam in half shade; shelter from wind; this striking plant never fails to elicit ecstatic exclamations.

MYOSOTIS PALUSTRIS - a Forget-me-not for damp shady ground.

PAPAVER NUDICAULE - apricot flowered; leaves tufted at base of leafless stems.

PENSTEMON CALIFORNICUM - long shiny basal leaves; tall spikes of small blue flowers.

PIERIS FLORIBUNDA - shrub from 2 to 5 feet; panicles of creamy white flowers.

POTENTILLA COCCINEA - trailing plant for the rock garden; bright red flowers.

PRIMULA JAPONICA - candelabra type; does best with plenty of moisture: rose.

" " MILLER'S CRIMSON - improved variety with crimson flowers.

SANTOLINA CHAMAECYPARISSUS - Lavendar Cotton - rock garden shrub with gray aromatic foliage; flowers are yellow daisies.

SEDUM - mixed varieties - for hot sunny places.

SEMPERVIVUM ARACHNOIDEUM - Hen & Chicks - covered with grayish "spiderweb".

SILENE MARITIMA - tufted blue-gray foliage; white flowers in late summer.

SISYRINCHIUM BELLUM - Blue-eyed Grass - sun loving; 8 to 12 inches high.

" CALIFORNICUM - bright yellow flowers on 4 to 8 inch stems.

VERONICA GLAUCOPHYLLA - rock garden shrub with beautiful gray foliage; pale blue.

VIOLA ARENARIA ROSEA - sun loving viola with magenta flowers in great quantity.

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